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The Lucia Mirrielee Memorial Library Fund at Montana State University has been enriched by a \$5,000 gift to the MSU Endowment Foundation, it was announced by Troy Crowder, assistant to the President at MSU. The gift was in the form of a bequest included in the will of the late Edith R. Mirrielee, perpetuating the memory of her sister who was a former Montana State University professor and specialist in the teaching of English in the high school.

The Lucia Mirrielee library fund was established in 1957 following her death in California. Her special interests included studies of Chaucer, Samuel Johnson and the nature of the English language. The fund established in her name was specifically for the purchase of books in these subjects for the Montana State University Library. The new bequest will greatly extend the range of book purchases in these fields, according to Dr. H. G. Merriam, MSU professor emeritus, and one of original founders of the fund. Other members of the original committee were Professors Anne Platt and Edmund Freeman.

Throughout her teaching life at the University, extending from 1924 to her retirement in 1950, Lucia Mirrielee strove unceasingly to bring about a better understanding of the language and to improve teaching methods, Dr. Merriam said. She was author of a successful textbook on teaching, an officer of both the Montana and National Council of Teachers of English and a prolific writer on subjects in the field.

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